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THE GLOBAL SYNTHETIC DRUG SITUATION: WHAT WE KNOW, WHAT WE THINK WE KNOW, AND WHAT WE DON'T KNOW

**22 March 2024
13.00–13.50 CET**

**Venue:
Vienna International
Centre, hybrid,
M0E79**

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This side event will mark the launch of a flagship new GI-TOC report on the diversification and expansion of the global synthetic drugs market. The report, drawing on the GI-TOC's decade of research on the topic, including the latest iteration of the US-funded Global Organized Crime Index, sheds new light on the latest trends and dynamics in synthetic drug production, trafficking and use. This event will include a detailed presentation by the report's author, Jason Eligh, and stimulate a discussion on current understandings of the global synthetic drug situation, to discuss emerging synthetic drug challenges and consider their implications.

- Moderator: Lucia Bird, Director of West Africa Observatory, GI-TOC
- Opening remarks: Greg D'Alesandro, Counternarcotics Senior Advisor, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, US State Department
- Report presentation by Jason Eligh, Senior Expert and Thematic Lead on Drugs